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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination and the calculation of the filing fee for the above-referenced application, please amend and consider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims and specification by the current amendment. The marked up version of the changes to the abstract is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**".

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 1, please insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a national phase filing based on PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09870 filed 13 December 1999. This PCT application claims priority to German Application No. 19857619.9 filed 13 December 1998, German Application No. 19948616.6 filed 8 October 1999, and German Application No. 19948615.8 filed 8 October 1999. The above PCT application was published in the English language as WO 00/36138. --

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

23. (Amended) A method for inhibiting the growth of a plant by treatment with a herbicidally effective amount of a chemical compound selected from the class of